

MINUTES

Before the meeting began, Rob Chrisler of Auxiliary Services and Barry Wells of Dining Services spoke to Congress about plans for a new sports themed restaurant on campus. The restaurant will replace Grille Works and the dynamics of that section of the food court will be dramatically changed. There will be several televisions and an entertainment area. Athletics will design the restaurant and the menu will be expanded. Seating will be added outside on a deck to be built this summer. The prices are undetermined at this time and it is still uncertain how the restaurant will affect meal plans. Aramark will finance the project due to the success of Fresh Food Company.

The meeting of the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University was called to order at 5:20pm on April 6, 2004 with the Executive Vice President in the chair.

There were 20 of 29 Congress members present.

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes

President John Bradley

- There will be Board of Regents committee meetings on Friday in the Regents Room.
- There is a J-term taskforce meeting at 2pm on Monday. They will probably suggest that Dr. Burch not do this at this particular time.
- There is an American Democracy Project colloquium on April 27.
- Attended a BSBP meeting this past weekend. We met with the state treasurer and voted to change the BSBP membership fee.
- The Board of Regents will meet April 30.
- There will be a special board meeting on June 18.

Executive Vice President Patti Johnson

- April 13 will be our group picture.
- April 20th is the last Congress meeting.
- April 27th is the SGA banquet.
- April 28th is senior banquet.
- There will be a dining services forum on Thursday at 4pm in DUC 305.

Vice President of Finance Nick Todd

- If you want to spend money on a project, legislation has to be up next week.
- The money left over from this year will not roll over to next year.
- The budget council has approved the budget.

Vice President of Public Relations Abby Lovan

- Diversity Rocks is on April 22 so sign up for times to work the table.
- RSVP for the spring banquet.



Vice President of Administration Jessica Martin

- No Report

Committee Reports

Coordinator of Committees

- We received 24 applications for senior banquet. The committee will decide who will be inducted on Wednesday.

Academic Affairs

- The committee will meet Wednesday at 4:30pm in the SGA office.
- The Buy-A-Book program information is out.
- Have a piece of legislation up for second reading.

Campus Improvements

- The committee will meet on Tuesdays at 4:45pm in front of the Bookstore.
- Met with Greg Fear and talked about landscaping around Rodes. We also talked about putting lockers on academic buildings for commuters.
- Waiting to hear from Brian Kuster about McLean.

Legislative Research

- Meetings are 5:30pm Mondays in the SGA office.

Public Relations

- Meets in front of the Bookstore on Wednesday at 5pm.
- Finally got the holders in.
- There will be a jump table on April 14.
- Will have legislation up next week for the kiosk at the top of the hill.

Student Affairs

- Meets Thursday at 5pm in the SGA office.

Information Technology Designate Matthew Pava

Website has and will be updated.

Special Orders

Swore in one new Congress member.

Judicial Council-Try Ransdell

Will meet Thursday at 7:30pm in the office.

University Senate-Troy Ransdell

No report

Katie Dawson held a discussion on what students wanted to see fixed and what needs to be done to feel safer on campus. Lighting was a major part of the discussion. Also discussed: re-establishing provide-a-ride, spontaneous checks of emergency poles, safety classes, advertising police escorts, and having police on bikes.

Took nominations for several end of the year awards:

Dero Downing Award: Natalie Croney

Outstanding Congress Member: Robert Watkins, Anna Bisig

Outstanding Committee Member: Natalie Croney, Chrsitina Kayrouz, Alicia Bachicha, Katie Pettit, Josh Collins

Charles A. Keown Award: Robert Watkins, Patti Johnson, Troy Ransdell, Nick Todd, John Bradley, Jessica Martin

Kerry Faye Stewart Memorial Award: Katie Dawson, Ashley Ladegast, Katie Petit, Melissa Constant, Robert Watkins, Tim Howard

Mary Angela Norcia Award: Josh Collins, Gretchen Light, Kristin Hartley, Troy Ransdell, Scott Broadbent, Abby Lovan, John Bradley, Dana Lockhart, Patti Johnson, Nick Todd

Citizens Award: Charley Pride, Scott Taylor, Gideon Paine, Deborah Wilkins, Ernst Claus, Jim Berger, Jane Brantley, Erin the night manager of DUC

Applications for awards are due April 13.

Unfinished Business

Bill 04-08-S Bookmarks for Tutorial Programs

Natalie Croney defended the legislation saying that she has all ready gotten permission from the three stores to put the bookmarks out at the beginning of the fall semester. In questions, John Law asked who was responsible for the distribution. Croney said the academic affairs committee next semester. *There was a motion and a second to approve.* In debate, there was a friendly amendment to the therefore clause from "tutorial information" to "information on tutorial programs." The amendment passed. *The motion was approved.*

There was a motion and a second to renumber the legislation from fall 2003 and spring 2004 to the correct numbering. The motion passed.

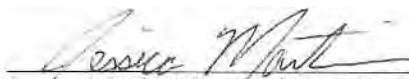
New Business

None

Announcements

Took nominations for Speaker of the Senate: Robert Watkins, Brittany Fausey, and Abby Lovan. Applications for the Dynamic Leadership Institute are available.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.



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